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DEQ Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Plan for Contaminated Sites in Evergreen

Helena -- The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking public comment on a feasibility study, addendum to that study, and proposed plan for the cleanup of water and soil contamination on three industrial sites in Evergreen, adjacent to Kalispell, Montana.

Jointly called the K.R.Y. site in the state Superfund program, the chemical and metals contamination remains from industrial operations of the Kalispell Pole and Timber, the Reliance Refining Company, and Yale Oil Corporation facilities. Contaminants at the site, first discovered in the early 1980s, include pentachlorophenol and dioxins from wood-treating operations, petroleum hydrocarbons and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons from wood-treating, refining and petroleum-storage activities.

The DEQ will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the cafeteria/ gymnasium of the Evergreen School, located at 18 West Evergreen Drive. At the meeting, DEQ staff will discuss the department's preferred alternative for cleanup of the facilities. The DEQ will also accept and record verbal comments.

The Final Draft Feasibility Study and Addendum summarize the nature and extent of contamination at the site and evaluate the range and cost of alternatives available for cleaning up the contamination. The Proposed Plan summarizes relevant information about the site and describes the DEQ's preferred alternative for cleanup. These documents are available for review at the Flathead County Library, DEQ's Remediation Division office in Helena, and online at DEQ's Web site: www.deq.mt.gov.

Written comments may also be submitted to Moriah Bucy, site project manager, at DEQ-CECRA, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620, or via email at mbucy@mt.gov. The comment period ends on January 12, 2008. Comments received through the postal service must be postmarked no later than January 12, 2008 and comments submitted electronically must be received no later than 11:59 P.M. MST on January 12, 2008.

The DEQ will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in the meeting. If you require an accommodation, please contact Lisa Peterson at 406-444-2929. For more information about the site please contact Moriah Bucy at 406-841-5064.

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